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<i>Application No.:</i>	10/692,840	}	
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<i>Invention:</i>	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPERATING A FUEL REFORMER SO AS TO PURGE SOOT THEREFROM	}	ELECTRONICALLY FILED ON JULY 20, 2006
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<i>Applicant:</i>	Rudolf M. Smaling et al.	}	
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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.